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Committee Bill No. 5303

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LYMPHEDEMA.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Each individual health
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
4 statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
5 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2007, shall provide
6 benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of lymphedema, including
7 supplies prescribed by a physician. For the purposes of this section,
8 "lymphedema" means a chronic condition in which excess fluid or
9 lymph collects in tissues of the body and causes edema, deformity,
10 skin changes and infection in such tissues due to missing, impaired or
11 damaged channels or ducts that transport lymph.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Each group health insurance
13 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
14 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,
15 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or
16 after October 1, 2007, shall provide benefits for the diagnosis and

17 treatment of lymphedema, including supplies prescribed by a
18 physician. For the purposes of this section, "lymphedema" means a
19 chronic condition in which excess fluid or lymph collects in tissues of
20 the body and causes edema, deformity, skin changes and infection in
21 such tissues due to missing, impaired or damaged channels or ducts
22 that transport lymph.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2007	New section

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Statement of Purpose:

To provide health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of lymphedema.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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